

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 12, 19, 20, 21 and 22 being the independent claims.

The above amendments merely correct the dependencies of dependent claims 14-17. This change is believed to be necessary in order to provide the appropriate antecedent basis for those claims, thereby placing them in better condition for appeal. Moreover, the necessity of this amendment was not previously discovered. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is believed proper and is respectfully requested in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 714.13.

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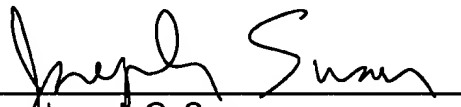
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